

CONTRACTS—COMMISSIONER OF THE PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

LETTER

FROM THE

COMMISSIONER OF THE PUBLIC BUILDINGS,

WITH

*Copies of all contracts made from the 1st of December, 1841.*

DECEMBER 13, 1842.

Referred to the Committee on the Public Buildings.

OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS,

December 8, 1842.

SIR: In compliance with a resolution of the House of Representatives, I have the honor to transmit, herewith, copies of all the contracts made in this office, from the 1st of December, 1841, to this date, with the names of the applicants for said contracts, and the amount of their respective bids.

I have the honor to be, respectfully, your obedient servant,

W. NOLAND,

*Commissioner of the Public Buildings.*

HON. SPEAKER *of the House of Representatives.*

*Edmund Hanly's contract for plastering ceiling of portico of Treasury building, April 28, 1842.*

Articles of agreement, made and entered into this twenty-eighth day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-two, between William Noland, Commissioner of Public Buildings, for and in behalf of the United States, of the one part, and Edmund Hanly, plasterer, &c., of the city of Washington, of the other part, witnesseth :

That the said Edmund Hanly has this day covenanted and agreed, and by these presents does covenant and agree, to and with the said Commissioner of Public Buildings, to do and execute all the plastering and mouldings intended to be done on the colonnade of the west portico of the new

Treasury building, in the best and most workmanlike manner, (subject to the inspection and approval of such person or persons as the said Commissioner may appoint for that purpose,) for the sum of four hundred and ninety-seven dollars and thirty-five cents.

And the said Edmund Hanly further agrees to find (at his own proper cost and expense) all the scaffolding necessary for the same, except that part belonging to the United States, now standing, and which the said Hanly has permission to use until the completion of the work aforesaid.

And the said Commissioner, on his part, agrees to pay the said Hanly (on the completion and approval of the work above named) the aforesaid sum of four hundred and ninety-seven dollars and thirty-five cents.

In witness whereof, the parties above named have hereunto set their hands and seals, the day and year first before written.

WM. NOLAND. [L. s.]

EDM'D HANLY. [L. s.]

Witness: J. B. ROOKER.

*Names of applicants for contract for plastering, &c., of the colonnade of the portico of the Treasury building, with the amount of their respective bids.*

John C. Harkness	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$501 22
Edmund Hanly	-	-	-	-	-	-	497 35

*Thomas Berry's agreement to furnish and set flagging at the General Post Office building, June 1, 1842.*

WASHINGTON, June 1, 1842.

The undersigned hereby agrees and binds himself to furnish flagging, prepared and square-dressed, of not less than two inches thick, set in the front pavements of the General Post Office building, in the most workmanlike manner, and according to the instructions of the architect of the public buildings, for the sum of fifty cents per foot, superficial—it being understood that the ground for said paving is to be first graded and prepared for the flagging.

The undersigned further agrees to commence the work immediately, and to finish the same on or before the twentieth of August next.

THOMAS BERRY.

The above proposal is accepted.

WM. NOLAND,

Commissioner of Public Buildings.

Witness: J. B. ROOKER.

*Fisher & Bird's contract to furnish Italian tiling for the Treasury building, July 14, 1842.*

Articles of agreement, made and concluded this fourteenth day of July, one thousand eight hundred and forty-two, between Messrs. Fisher & Bird, of the city of New York, of the one part, and William Noland, Commissioner of the Public Buildings, in Washington city, of the other part, witnesseth :

That the said Fisher & Bird agree, and bind themselves, their heirs, and assigns, to furnish and deliver at the new Treasury building, in the city of Washington, within one month from date, two thousand five hundred feet of Italian tiling, of not less than twelve and a half inches square, and one inch thick, as per bill, to be furnished by the architect or superintendent, and to be well faced, squared, prepared for laying, and boxed, for forty cents per foot, superficial, the whole to be of the best quality, and subject to the inspection of the superintendent of the marble and cut-stone work of said building ; and if other sizes than that mentioned above are required, the same shall be subject to the order of the architect or superintendent of said building.

And on the part of the said Commissioner of the Public Buildings, he covenants and agrees to pay to the said Fisher & Bird, their heirs, or assigns, on the fulfilment of this contract, at the rate of forty cents per superficial foot.

In witness whereof, the parties above named have hereunto set their hands and seals, the day and year first before written.

JOHN T. FISHER.	[L. s.]
CLINTON G. BIRD.	[L. s.]
W. NOLAND.	[L. s.]

Witness : ROBERT J. MAW.

[No competition.]

*William Mann's contract to enclose Patent Office square, make window shutters, &c., July 26, 1842.*

Articles of agreement, made and concluded this twenty-sixth day of July, one thousand eight hundred and forty-two, between William Mann, of the city of Washington, and District of Columbia, of the one part, and William Noland, Commissioner of Public Buildings, also of the city of Washington, and District of Columbia, as follows :

The said William Mann covenants and agrees, with the said Commissioner of Public Buildings, to enclose the entire square of ground on which the Patent Office building now stands with a paling fence, five feet high above the foot board, which must be at least twelve inches wide, of one inch thick cullings ; the tops pointed ; the palings to be well secured to three suitable cross rails, of the best North Carolina heart yellow pine or cypress, four inches wide and two inches thick ; the posts to square not less than four inches, and to be of the same length and size of those at present on the ground, which, as far as they are sound and of a suitable

length, may be used; the sawed palings to be of the best quality, and of the common width and thickness in market, and to be put on not more than two inches apart; the palings to be secured to the rails by a three-inch strip, one inch thick, of best North Carolina heart pine on the bottom and top rails—the whole well washed. The said William Mann further agrees to make four paling gateways, large enough for a wagon to drive through, to be hung with strong strap hinges, with suitable latches, bolts, and padlocks—the front palings on F street, together with the posts and rails, to be planed, and painted with three coats of white lead—for the sum of thirty cents per running foot.

The whole of the above work to be executed in the most faithful and workmanlike manner, and after its completion to be subject to the inspection of such person or persons as the said Commissioner may appoint for that purpose.

And the said William Mann further covenants and agrees, to and with the said Commissioner of Public Buildings, to provide and hang with stiles one and a half inch folding panel shutters to the windows of the basement story of the Patent Office, according to pattern, square-framed sunk pannels, one side flush, the other hung with strong butt hinges, and secured inside with a swinging iron bar or bolt—the whole to be painted with white lead, three coats—for the sum of four dollars and fifty cents per pair.

The whole of the above work, also, to be executed in the most faithful and workmanlike manner, and to be subject to the inspection of such person or persons as the said Commissioner may direct; the whole to be completed by the first of October next.

In witness whereof, the parties above named have hereunto set their hands and seals, the day and year first before written.

W. NOLAND, C. P. B. [L. s.]  
WM. MANN. [L. s.]

Witness: J. B. ROOKER.



*Names of applicants for contract for enclosing the Patent Office square and making shutters, with the amount of their respective bids.*

Names.	Fence per foot, running measure.			Gates.		Shutters.
	Rough.	Dressed.	All round.	Rough.	Dressed.	Per pair.
John S. James	\$0 50	\$0 60	—	—	—	\$6 00
Balaam Birch	—	—	\$0 50	—	—	8 00
Wm. A. Harris	35	92	—	\$5 00 each	—	10 50
Wm. Bird	36	70	—	—	—	6 95
W. T. Clarke	37½	73	—	\$8 each	\$10 each	7 50
Francis Mohun	40	50	—	—	—	9 50
James Green	—	—	49	—	—	5 86
Dyer & McClosky	30	65	—	1 12½	1 50	7 50
Josiah Essex	25	50	—	—	—	7 25
B. P. Mohun	—	—	57	—	—	9 50
A. Baldwin	43	69	—	8 50 each	—	6 99
Jos. Bryan	32½	55½	—	—	—	10 00
Wise & Shiles	33	59½	—	—	—	6 87
Owen, Hurdle, & Harrison.	27½	61	—	85	locks, &c.	5 61
Barron & Ferton.	35	85	—	—	—	8 00
Jesse Plowman	38	67	—	—	—	8 25
Wm. O. Jones	34½	83½	—	—	—	7 00
R. W. Griffith	—	—	42	—	—	5 90
John McClosky	40	75	—	87½	1 22½	6 00
B. W. Bealle	40	63	—	—	—	5 62½
Headly & McNeir	27	65	—	60	—	6 50
A. S. Martin	23	withdrawn	—	—	—	5 60
Chas. F. Wood	—	—	—	—	—	6 70
F. J. Murphy	—	—	—	—	—	6 15
William Mann	—	—	30	—	—	4 50

*John Skirving's proposals to warm the jail, July 1, 1842.*

OCTOBER 19, 1841.

SIR: I do hereby agree and bind myself to cut out and build the necessary flues for carrying the warm air to the different corridors, commensurate with the size of the cells on each story; also, flues to the lower passages; to dig out and build two furnaces and ash-pits at the new jail; to furnish all materials, viz: iron work, valves, gratings, common bricks and mortar; the furnaces to be so constructed that the person having charge of the fires will not be required to enter the building; the whole will be

arranged the same as those in Moyamensing prison, built by me, to prevent escape of prisoners; to have the whole completed in three months from the date of the order—for the sum of eight hundred and fifty dollars, to be paid as the work progresses, and when the work is completed, and certified by the architect.

In witness whereof, I subscribe my hand and seal.

JOHN SKIRVING. [L. s.]

July 1, 1842.—The above proposal is accepted.

W. NOLAND, C. P. B.

To the ARCHITECT OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

*Francis J. Murphy's contract to furnish lamp posts, August 24, 1842.*

Articles of agreement, made and concluded this twenty-fourth day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-two, between William Noland, Commissioner of Public Buildings, in the city of Washington, of the one part, and Francis J. Murphy, also of the city of Washington, of the other part, viz :

The said Francis J. Murphy has this day covenanted and agreed, and by these presents does covenant and agree, to and with the said Commissioner of Public Buildings, to furnish and set in such places on Pennsylvania avenue as the said Commissioner of Public Buildings may direct, eighty cedar *lamp posts*, completely ironed in every respect, for the reception of the lamps; the said posts to be of the same length and size of those around the Capitol square, and to be painted with three coats of paint; the same to be set firmly in the ground, and the pavement around the same to be replaced; the whole to be done in a faithful and workmanlike manner—for the sum of three dollars and thirty cents per post.

And the said Commissioner, on his part, agrees to pay to the said Francis J. Murphy, on the full completion of the above contract, the above-named sum of three dollars and thirty cents per post—the whole to be completed by the first of November next.

In witness whereof, the parties above named have hereunto set their hands and seals, the day and year first before written.

W. NOLAND. [L. s.]

FRAS. J. MURPHY. [L. s.]

Witness : J. B. ROOKER.

*Names of applicants for furnishing lamp posts, with the amount of their respective offers.*

William Yeaton	-	-	-	-	-	\$10 00	per post.
C. Woodward	-	-	-	-	-	7 00	do.
Levi Davis	-	-	-	-	-	6 50	do.
R. E. Duvall	-	-	-	-	-	5 40	do.
Francis Ward	-	-	-	-	-	4 50	do.
B. J. Tayman	-	-	-	-	-	4 25	do.
James Hicks	-	-	-	-	-	4 25	do.
A. Baldwin	-	-	-	-	-	4 12½	do.

Thomas Adams -	-	-	-	-	-	\$4 06½ per post.
Hugh Hamill -	-	-	-	-	-	4 00 do.
J. Van Riswick -	-	-	-	-	-	4 00 do.
R. J. Jones -	-	-	-	-	-	3 70 do.
George Mattingly -	-	-	-	-	-	3 48 do.
F. J. Murphy -	-	-	-	-	-	3 30 do.

*William H. Harrover's contract to furnish lamps, August 23, 1842.*

Articles of agreement, made and concluded this twenty-third day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-two, between William Noland, Commissioner of Public Buildings, in the city of Washington, and William H. Harrover, tin worker, &c., also of the city of Washington, viz :

The said William H. Harrover has this day covenanted and agreed, and by these presents does covenant and agree, to and with the said Commissioner of Public Buildings, to furnish and fix on the lamp posts erected on the Pennsylvania avenue *eighty lamps*, of the same material, size, and finish, of those around the Capitol square; the whole to be executed in the best and most workmanlike manner, and to be subject to the inspection of such person or persons as the said Commissioner may appoint for that purpose, for the sum of two dollars per lamp, to be furnished by the first of November next.

In witness whereof, the parties above named have hereunto set their hands and seals, the day and year first before written.

W. NOLAND, C. P. B. [L. s.]

WM. H. HARROVER. [L. s.]

Witness: J. B. ROOKER.

*Names of applicants for contract to furnish lamps, with the amount of their respective bids.*

Elexius Simms -	-	-	-	-	-	\$7 70 per lamp.
Richard Peirce -	-	-	-	-	-	6 90 per lamp and post
C. Woodward -	-	-	-	-	-	3 00 per lamp.
Boteler & Donn -	-	-	-	-	-	3 00 do.
D. Biddleman -	-	-	-	-	-	2 75 do.
Charles Schussler -	-	-	-	-	-	2 75 do.
Thomas Adams -	-	-	-	-	-	2 75 do.
A. W. Edwards -	-	-	-	-	-	2 75 do.
A. L. Denham -	-	-	-	-	-	2 50 do.
George Hill, sen. -	-	-	-	-	-	2 50 do.
W. Ogden -	-	-	-	-	-	2 62½ do.
Richard Tonge -	-	-	-	-	-	2 50 do.
Daniel Hauptman -	-	-	-	-	-	2 48 do.
F. Y. Naylor -	-	-	-	-	-	2 48 do.
H. Richey -	-	-	-	-	-	2 37 do.
J. W. Hauptman -	-	-	-	-	-	2 30 do.
W. H. Harrover -	-	-	-	-	-	2 00 do.

*James S. Wilson's contract to furnish iron railing for the General Post Office and Treasury buildings, September 2, 1842.*

Articles of agreement, made and concluded this second day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-two, between William Noland, Commissioner of Public Buildings, of the city of Washington, of the one part, and James S. Wilson, of the city of Baltimore, and State of Maryland, of the other part, as follows :

The said James S. Wilson has this day covenanted and agreed, and by these presents does covenant and agree, to and with the said Commissioner of Public Buildings, to furnish and complete the setting up of all the iron railing that may be necessary at this time for the new General Post Office and Treasury buildings, now erecting in the city of Washington, to furnish all the lead, materials, and labor of every kind, (except the cutting of the holes in the stone work, which is to be done by the Government,) that is to say : for that portion of the iron railing so furnished and set up as aforesaid at the General Post Office building, at the rate of four dollars per running foot ; and for that portion of the railing furnished and set up as aforesaid at the Treasury building, at the rate of two dollars and twelve and a half cents per running foot ; the whole of the above work to be executed in the most faithful and workmanlike manner, and to be subject to the inspection of such person or persons as the said Commissioner may appoint for that purpose ; the whole to be completed by the first of November next.

And the said Commissioner, on his part, agrees to pay to the said James S. Wilson, on the completion, and inspection, and approval of the aforesaid iron railing, at the rate of prices above stated, that is to say : for that portion of the railing furnished at the General Post Office, at the rate of four dollars per running foot, and for that portion furnished at the Treasury building, at the rate of two dollars and twelve and a half cents per running foot.

In witness whereof, the above named have hereunto set their hands and seals, the day and year first before written.

W. NOLAND, C. P. B. [L. s.]  
JAMES S. WILSON. [L. s.]

Witness : J. B. ROOKER.

*Names of applicants for contract for furnishing iron railing for the new Treasury and General Post Office buildings, with the amount of their respective bids.*

TREASURY BUILDING.

Richard Share	-	- \$5 87½ per running foot.
Loraine Freeman	-	- 3 85 per running foot, or 7 cents per lb.
James Fortune	-	- 3 85 per running foot.
F. B. Deane, jr., agent for } Tredegar Iron Company }	-	- 2 64½ do.
T. W. & R. C. Smith	-	- 3 00 do.
Jacob F. Barnes	-	- 2 47½ do.
Hugh Delavin	-	- 5½ cents per lb.
James S. Wilson	-	- \$2 12½ per running foot.



## GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING.

James Fortune.	-	\$8 00	per running foot.
Richard Share	-	5 87½	do.
F. B. Deane, jr., agent for } Tredegar Iron Company }	-	5 63½	do.
T. W. & R. C. Smith	-	5 50	do.
Jacob F. Barnes	-	5 17½	do.
Loraine Freeman	-	8 62½	per running foot, or 7½ cents per lb.
Hugh Delavin	-	5½	cents per lb.
James S. Wilson	-	4 00	per running foot.

*John Skirving's contract to remove furnaces, warm the Capitol, &c.,  
August 31, 1842.*

Articles of agreement, made and concluded this 31st day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-two, between William Noland, Commissioner of Public Buildings, of the city of Washington, of the one part, and John Skirving, also of the city of Washington, of the other part :

The said John Skirving hereby covenants and agrees, with the said Commissioner of Public Buildings, to take down the old furnaces, clean the bricks, and take all the old materials, and clear away the rubbish ; to fill up the lower cellar, pave the same, whitewash the ceiling, arches, and walls, &c. ; to dig out and build a fuel vault in front of the Capitol, such as is at the new General Post Office, furnishing all materials, grating for the cover of it, carting away the dirt, relaying the pavement, cutting through arch, building fire-proof flues for conveying the warm air to the hall and lower passages of the building—which said flues are to have two or more openings, furnished with strong valves, so arranged as to stop on or off the warm air ; to cut out between the arch (floor ; ) build all the necessary walls, for the better distribution of the heated air, fill up and pave the part under the floor, whitewash walls, arch, and floor ; build three new furnaces in the lower story, such as are at the new General Post Office, to be provided with evaporators for water, and flues, with proper and perfect valves for drawing the carbonic acid gas and fetid air to one of the furnaces ; to make good all plastering, furnish materials of all kinds necessary to complete the same ; also, to furnish and place the ventilators in the floor, according to the drawing submitted to the Committee on Public Buildings, and exposed for a short time in the library of Congress ; the fuel vault and passage to it to have a grating over it—for the sum of nine thousand six hundred and thirty-four dollars.

And it is further agreed, by the parties aforesaid, that when materials have been furnished and labor performed, by the said Skirving, to the amount of \$4,500, the Commissioner of Public Buildings is to pay to the said Skirving the said sum of \$4,500, and no more, should the work, when completed, not answer the purpose contemplated by the contractor.

In witness whereof, the parties above named have hereunto set their hands and seals, the day and year first before written.

W. NOLAND, C. P. B. [L. s.]  
JOHN SKIRVING. [L. s.]

Witness: J. B. ROOKER.

*Henry Upperman's contract to furnish bricks for the bridge across Pennsylvania avenue, September 16, 1842.*

Articles of agreement, made and concluded this sixteenth day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-two, between William Noland, Commissioner of Public Buildings, and Henry Upperman, of the city of Washington, as follows :

The said Henry Upperman has this day covenanted and agreed, and by these presents does covenant and agree, with the Commissioner of Public Buildings, to furnish and deliver at the bridge about to be constructed across the Pennsylvania avenue, at Second street, one hundred thousand of the best quality hard brick, at the rate of six dollars and ninety-five cents per thousand. The bricks to be approved by the engineer, and to be delivered at such times and in such quantities as the engineer may direct.

And the said Commissioner, on his part, agrees to pay to the said Henry Upperman, for the bricks so delivered, at the rate of six dollars and ninety-five cents per thousand, as above stated.

In witness whereof, the parties have hereunto set their hands and seals, the day and year above written.

W. NOLAND, C. P. B. [L. s.]  
For HENRY UPPERMAN,  
CHARLES E. UPPERMAN. [L. s.]

Witness : JOHN SKIRVING.

*Names of applicants for contract for furnishing bricks for bridge on Pennsylvania avenue, with the amount of their respective bids.*

Williams & Richards	-	-	-	-	\$7 50 per thousand.
John O. P. Degges	-	-	-	-	7 50 do.
Nicholas L. Queen	-	-	-	-	6 95 do.
Henry Upperman	-	-	-	-	6 95 do.

*Easby & Hanly's contract to furnish cement for bridge on Pennsylvania avenue, September 16, 1842.*

Articles of agreement, made and concluded this sixteenth day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-two, between William Noland, Commissioner of Public Buildings, of the city of Washington, of the one part, and Easby & Hanly, of the said city of Washington, of the other part, viz :

The said Easby & Hanly have this day covenanted and agreed, and by these presents do covenant and agree, with the Commissioner of Public Buildings, to furnish and deliver at the bridge about to be constructed across the Pennsylvania avenue, at Second street, all the hydraulic cement that may be required in the construction of said bridge, (say four hundred barrels or more,) at the rate of one dollar and seventy-five cents per barrel, each barrel to contain three hundred pounds weight. The cement to be of the best quality, and to be approved by the engineer, and to be de-

livered at such times and in such quantities as the said engineer may direct.

And the said Commissioner, on his part, agrees to pay to the said Easby & Hanly, for the cement so delivered, at the rate of one dollar and seventy-five cents per barrel, weighing three hundred pounds to the barrel, as above stated.

In witness whereof, the parties have hereunto set their hands and seals, the day and year first above written.

W. NOLAND, C. P. B. [L. s.]  
EASBY & HANLY. [L. s.]

Witness: GREGORY ENNIS.

*Names of applicants for contract for furnishing cement for bridge on Pennsylvania avenue, with the amount of their respective bids.*

Charles L. Coltman	-	-	-	-	\$2 00 per barrel.
Easby & Hanly	-	-	-	-	1 75 do.

*Jacob Payne's contract to furnish foundation stone for the bridge on Pennsylvania avenue, September 16, 1842.*

Articles of agreement, made and concluded this sixteenth day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-two, between William Noland, Commissioner of Public Buildings, of the city of Washington, of the one part, and Jacob Payne, of the city of Georgetown, as follows, viz :

The said Jacob Payne has this day covenanted and agreed, and by these presents does covenant and agree, with the said Commissioner of Public Buildings, to furnish and deliver on the wharves of the Washington canal, as near as possible to the bridge to be erected across Pennsylvania avenue, all the foundation stone that may be required for the said bridge, at the rate of one dollar and fifty cents per perch—the said stone to be *large truck stone*, of the best quality, and such as shall be approved of by the engineer or superintendent—in such quantity or quantities, and at such time or times, as may be designated by the said engineer or superintendent.

And the said Commissioner, on his part, agrees to pay to the said Payne, for the stone so delivered, at the rate of one dollar and fifty cents per perch.

In witness whereof, the parties above named have hereunto set their hands and seals, the day and year first before written.

W. NOLAND, C. P. B. [L. s.]  
JACOB PAYNE. [L. s.]

Witness: THOMAS SCRIVENER.

*Names of applicants for contract for furnishing foundation stone for bridge on Pennsylvania avenue, with the amount of their respective bids.*

Isherwood & O'Neale	-	-	-	-	\$1 90 per perch.
William Collins	-	-	-	-	1 70 do.
Jacob Payne	-	-	-	-	1 50 do.

*Nicholas L. Queen's contract to furnish bricks for bridge on Pennsylvania avenue, September 17, 1842.*

Articles of agreement, made and concluded this seventeenth day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-two, between William Noland, Commissioner of Public Buildings, of the city of Washington, of the one part, and Nicholas L. Queen, of the other part, viz :

The said Nicholas L. Queen has this day covenanted and agreed, and by these presents does covenant and agree, with the said Commissioner of Public Buildings, to furnish and deliver at the bridge about to be erected across the Pennsylvania avenue, at Second street, one hundred and seventy thousand (and as many more as may be required for said bridge) of the best quality hard bricks, at the rate of six dollars and ninety-five cents per thousand ; the bricks to be approved by the engineer, and to be delivered at such times and in such quantities as the said engineer may direct.

And the said Commissioner, on his part, agrees to pay to the said Nicholas L. Queen, for the bricks so delivered, at the rate of six dollars and ninety-five cents per thousand, as above stated.

In witness whereof, the parties above named have hereunto set their hands and seals, the day and year first before written.

W. NOLAND, C. P. B. [L. S.]

NICHOLAS L. QUEEN. [L. S.]

Witness : J. B. ROOKER.

*Names of applicants for contract for furnishing bricks for bridge on Pennsylvania avenue, with the amount of their respective bids.*

Williams & Richards	\$7 50 per thousand.
J. O. P. Degges	7 50 do.
Henry Upperman	6 95 do.
Nicholas L. Queen	6 95 do.

*William Wise's contract to furnish sand for the bridge on Pennsylvania avenue, September 20, 1842.*

Articles of agreement, made and concluded this twentieth day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-two, between William Noland, Commissioner of Public Buildings, of the one part, and William Wise, both of the city of Washington, as follows, viz :

The said William Wise has this day covenanted and agreed, and by these presents does covenant and agree, with the said Commissioner of Public Buildings, to furnish and deliver at the bridge about to be constructed across Pennsylvania avenue, at Second street, all the sand that may be required in the construction of said bridge, at the rate of fourteen cents per barrel ; the said sand to be of the best quality, and to be approved of by the engineer or superintendent.

And the said Commissioner, on his part, agrees to pay to the said Wil-



William Wise, for the sand so delivered, at the rate of fourteen cents per barrel, as above stated.

In witness whereof, the parties above named have hereunto set their hands and seals, the day and year first before written.

W. NOLAND, C. P. B. [L. s.]

WILLIAM WISE. [L. s.]

Witness: J. B. ROOKER.

*Names of applicants for contract for furnishing sand at the bridge on Pennsylvania avenue, with the amount of their respective bids.*

Elkanah Waters - - - - - 16 cents per barrel.

William Wise - - - - - 14 do.

*Benjamin F. Miller's contract to furnish oak timber, &c., for bridge on Pennsylvania avenue, September 9, 1842.*

This agreement, made and entered into the ninth day of September, one thousand eight hundred and forty-two, between William Noland, on the part of the United States, of the one part, and Benjamin F. Miller of the other part, witnesseth:

That the said Benjamin F. Miller agrees to deliver near the site of the avenue bridge, at the foot of Capitol Hill, the following oak timber, viz: 19,720 superficial feet of oak plank, and 2,696 lineal feet of oak piles, to be delivered on or before the fifteenth day of October, one thousand eight hundred and forty-two; the said plank to be free from imperfections, and edged, and the piles to be perfectly sound and straight, to be flattened or hewn on two sides, to be ten inches thick at either end; the timber to be subject to the inspection of Pringle Slight, superintendent of carpenters.

The said William Noland, on the part of the United States, agrees to pay to the said Benjamin F. Miller twenty-six cents per lineal foot for the oak piles, and three cents per superficial foot for the oak plank, delivered as above, reserving twenty per cent. on each delivery as a guarantee for the faithful performance of the contract until it is completed, when the balance shall be paid.

In testimony whereof, we have hereunto set our hands and affixed our seals, this fifth day of October, one thousand eight hundred and forty-two.

W. NOLAND, C. P. B. [L. s.]

BENJAMIN F. MILLER. [L. s.]

Witness: E. C. D. PRESTON.

[No competition.]

*Philip Ennis's contract to haul stone for the bridge on Pennsylvania avenue, October 8, 1842.*

Articles of agreement, made and concluded this eighth day of October, one thousand eight hundred and forty-two, between William Noland, Commissioner of Public Buildings, of the one part, and Philip Ennis of the other part, as follows, viz :

The said Philip Ennis, on his part, covenants and agrees, with the said Commissioner of Public Buildings, to haul all the stone that may be required at the bridge now erecting on Pennsylvania avenue, at second street, for the sum of forty cents per perch.

And the said Commissioner, on his part, agrees to pay to the said Philip Ennis, for the stone so hauled and delivered, at the rate of forty cents per perch.

In witness whereof, the parties above named have hereunto set their hands and seals, the day and year first before written.

W. NOLAND, C. P. B. [L. s.]

PHILIP ENNIS. [L. s.]

Witness: J. B. ROOKER.

*Names of applicants for contract for hauling stone for bridge on Pennsylvania avenue, with the amount of their respective bids.*

John Ready, (withdrawn),	- - -	35 cents per perch.
Philip Ennis -	- - -	40 do.

*John A. Donohoo's contract for lighting lamps on Pennsylvania avenue, October 21, 1842.*

Articles of agreement, made and concluded this 21st day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-two, between William Noland, Commissioner of Public Buildings, of the city of Washington, of the one part, and John A. Donohoo, also of the city of Washington, of the other part, as follows :

The said John A. Donohoo has this day covenanted and agreed, and by these presents does covenant and agree, with the said Commissioner of Public Buildings, to furnish oil, wick, and every other material necessary, and light the eighty new lamps, recently erected on Pennsylvania avenue, for seventeen nights in each and every of the following months; that is to say: the months of November and December, 1842, and the months of January, February, March, and April, 1843; the said oil to be of the best quality *winter strained sperm*.

And the said John A. Donohoo further covenants and agrees, with the said Commissioner of Public Buildings, to give all due and constant attention to lighting and cleaning the said lamps, to keep the same in constant repair and good order, for the aforesaid term of six months, for the sum of six hundred and thirty-seven dollars and fifty cents.

And the said Commissioner, on his part, agrees to pay, on the comple-

tion of the above contract, to the said John A. Donohoo, the aforesaid sum of six hundred and thirty-seven dollars and fifty cents.

In witness whereof, the parties above named have hereunto set their hands and seals, the day and year first above written.

W. NOLAND, C. P. B. [L. s.]

JNO. A. DONOHO. [L. s.]

Witness: J. B. ROOKER.

*List of applicants for contract for lighting lamps on Pennsylvania avenue, with the amount of their respective bids.*

William Young	-	-	-	\$1,578 96	for six months.
James Young, jr.	-	-	-	1,428 00	do.
Thomas M. Milburn	-	-	-	1,385 00	do.
G. Topham	-	-	-	1,300 00	do.
Richard Peirce	-	-	-	1,150 00	do.
Abraham Hines	-	-	-	1,150 00	do.
John W. Hauptman	-	-	-	1,020 00	do.
William Dowling, jr.	-	-	-	990 00	do.
Middleton & Beall	-	-	-	945 00	do.
Samuel Bacon & Co	-	-	-	900 00	do.
Lancelot Wilson	-	-	-	840 00	do.
David Westerfield	-	-	-	807 00	do.
John R. Peirce	-	-	-	796 00	do.
John Kelly	-	-	-	711 96	do.
Bryan Freal	-	-	-	709 80	do.
David Fouble	-	-	-	708 00	do.
John Fletcher	-	-	-	706 00	do.
Reynold Grimes	-	-	-	700 00	do.
John Coburn	-	-	-	690 00	do.
John A. Donohoo	-	-	-	637 50	do.
Edward E. Murphy, (withdrawn)	-	-	-	595 00	do.

*David A. Gardner's contract, to convert the old jail into a lunatic asylum, November 15, 1842.*

Articles of agreement, made and concluded this 15th day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-two, between William Noland, Commissioner of Public Buildings, for and on behalf of the United States, of the one part, and David A. Gardner, of the city of Washington, and District of Columbia, of the other part, witnesseth :

That the said David A. Gardner, for himself, his heirs, executors, and administrators, doth hereby covenant and agree, with the said Commissioner of Public Buildings, to furnish materials and labor of every kind, and convert the old jail in the aforesaid city of Washington into a lunatic asylum, according to the plans and specifications, as designed and laid down by John Skirving, and approved by the President of the United

States, and which are hereto annexed, for the sum of six thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars, exclusive of all the materials now on the ground, which said materials and tools are to be considered as the property of the said David A. Gardner, and to be by him made use of in the construction of the aforesaid building.

And the said David A. Gardner further covenants and agrees to do and perform all and singular the above contract and agreement, in the most faithful and workmanlike manner, the materials of every kind to be of the best quality, and subject to the inspection and approval of such person or persons as the said Commissioner may appoint for that purpose; the whole to be completed on or before the first of June next.

And the said William Noland, Commissioner of Public Buildings, in behalf of the United States, hereby covenants and agrees to pay, or cause to be paid, to the said David A. Gardner, his executors, administrators, and assigns, in consideration of the covenant and stipulations aforesaid, the sum of six thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars, in such payments as the said Commissioner shall be advised to pay, on the certificate of the superintendent, during the progress of the work.

In witness whereof, the said William Noland, Commissioner of the Public Buildings, hath, in behalf of the United States, hereunto subscribed his hand and affixed his seal, and the said David A. Gardner hath hereunto set his hand and seal, the day and year before written.

WM. NOLAND, C. P. B. [L. s.]

DAVID A. GARDNER, [L. s.]

Witness: J. B. ROOKER.

*List of applicants for converting the old jail into a lunatic asylum,  
with the amount of their respective bids.*

Burch & Mohun	-	-	-	-	-	\$7,980 00
Joseph Bryan	-	-	-	-	-	7,955 00
C. L. Coltman	-	-	-	-	-	7,887 62
Matthias Duffey	-	-	-	-	-	7,850 00
Matthias Valentine	-	-	-	-	-	7,820 50
W. G. Deal	-	-	-	-	-	7,750 00
J. T. Walker	-	-	-	-	-	7,515 00
Francis Mohun	-	-	-	-	-	7,500 00
John C. Harkness	-	-	-	-	-	6,932 00
William Mann	-	-	-	-	-	6,800 00
David A. Gardner	-	-	-	-	-	6,750 00

*Specifications for converting the old jail into a lunatic asylum and hospital.*

**Brick work.**—The centre building to be subdivided by 9-inch walls; the lower story to contain sixteen rooms, (see plan;) the second story to contain nineteen rooms and two closets, (see plan;) good and sufficient stone foundation walls, 18 inches thick; depth such as the superintendent may direct.

Ventilating flues, not less than four inches square, to be carried up and



tied in with the walls, and terminate in the roof, to be plastered smooth and square; two stacks of chimneys, with fire-places above and below, also two chimney flues, to start from the ceiling of the first story, and to be carried out same height and finish, as per plan; all the windows to have stone sills,  $5\frac{1}{2}$  inches thick, 3 feet 4 inches long, to suit the frames now made; all cutting out and making good round the frames, by the contractor.

*Carpenter work.*—Basement floor to be laid on 3 by 4 oak scantling, 2 feet from centre to centre, to be filled in with old brick, and grouted even with the top, the floors to be merchantable  $\frac{3}{4}$  North Carolina yellow pine, tongued and grooved, clear of sap, not to exceed six inches in width. Second story joists best Eastern shore, 3 by 10, placed 16 inches centre to centre, to be bridged over the larger rooms, the floors the same as the basement. The washboarding in each story to be 7 inches high, beaded, to be put down and well secured after the plastering is finished. Stairs in the centre; steps to be 3 feet 6 inches long, 11 inches wide,  $7\frac{1}{2}$  inches rise, not more. Turned maple newel posts, mahogany or cherry handrail,  $2\frac{1}{4}$  by  $2\frac{1}{4}$  inches, with ramps and knees; pine banisters, steps, and risers, North Carolina heart pine. The doors of the dormitories 6 feet 8 inches by 2 feet 9 inches clear; transom sash above, 3 lights, 12 inches high, to be hung with a centre pivot, fastened with an iron buckle. Doors four panels, square joint  $1\frac{1}{8}$  inch thick, iron rimmed pendulum lock, 6 inches, to be hung with  $3\frac{1}{2}$ -inch butt hinges, to be finished with  $3\frac{1}{2}$ -inch Grecian moulding; door jambs 2 inches thick, carpet sills of hard wood to all the doors, stud partitions and closets, as per plan; 42 windows and frames, sash 12 lights, 10 by 12,  $1\frac{5}{8}$  inches thick, to be finished with angle beads  $\frac{3}{4}$  sill, moulded on the edge. All external angles throughout the old and new building to be protected by angle beads.

Venetian door front, 7 feet 8 inches high, 7 feet wide, with 5 side lights, 10 by 16, impost 7 by 8 inches, strong lintel, door 2 panels  $\frac{3}{4}$  thick, moulded on both sides,  $1\frac{1}{4}$  inch wide, sash 2 inches thick, frame 3 inches, yellow pine, 8 inches iron-rimmed lock, 3 strong 4-inch butt hinges to each door. Back door and frame; the present jambs to be cased, moulded, and trimmed with Grecian moulding, both sides,  $1\frac{1}{4}$  inch thick; 8-inch iron-rimmed lock, 3 strong 4-inch butt hinges.

*ONE WING.*—A cellar to be dug, and walled 2 feet thick, as per plan, 18 feet by 11 feet 3 inches, with cellar way outside, 6 feet by 4 in the clear, 8 feet deep, to be walled up with stone; cellar door, frame and doors, with hinges and necessary fastenings in cellar, rough stairs inside, to go down; part of the old wall to be underpinned and propped with 8-inch oak props. The present outer wall to remain as far as will be necessary to carry out the plan of the wing, the balance to be taken down, and used in the erection of the walls to the height of the old building; the foundation walls to be of stone, not less than 2 feet wide, faced above the ground as high as the base of the old building; to be not less than 3 feet in the ground, and more, if necessary for a good foundation, if required by the superintendent. The cross foundation walls 18 inches thick, 2 feet deep in the ground, unless the ground is bad, and requires it to go deeper. The wing to be subdivided by 9-inch walls, as per plan. A stack of chimneys, two fire-places above and below, also two flues for warm air the whole height of the building, also two flues at the end for gas.

Ventilating flues, from all the rooms, the same size and description of

those in the centre building; the chimneys and all the work finished as per plans; 26 windows, 10 by 12, to be put into the walls, stone sills furnished, of the same dimensions as those in the main building; one cross wall to support the front room floor, to be built of stone, 18 inches thick, 2 feet deep, (more if necessary,) hearths and trimmers to be turned and laid, the fire-places to be worked smooth, with best pressed bricks.

*Carpenter work.*—Joist, North Carolina pine in first floor, 11 inches deep,  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inches thick, 16 inches from centre to centre, floor merchantable  $\frac{5}{8}$  North Carolina heart yellow pine, clear of sap; second story floor joist, Eastern shore, 11 by 3, 16 inches centre to centre, 4 doors 3 by 7, 4 panels  $1\frac{3}{8}$  inch thick, square joints, trimmed  $\frac{3}{4}$  jambs, single Grecian moulding, 12 doors and frames, finished and trimmed as those described in centre building; washboarding to all the rooms and passages; window springs to all the sash, throughout the old and new building; a close winding stairs in each wing, 3 feet wide, 4 closets to be finished, stud partitions, as per plan. The raising floor joist 10 by 3, 16 inches from centre to centre; Eastern shore rafters, 7, 5, 3, with collar beams 16 feet long, 8 inches wide,  $5\frac{1}{4}$  thick, to be well secured to rafters, 2 pieces to go from the raising floor to the rafter and collar beams, to be well nailed to each, of  $\frac{5}{8}$ , as per plan; the rafters 16 from centre to centre, and secured by strong 3 by 4 raising plate. Roof to be covered close with good white pine cullings, and  $\frac{5}{8}$  wall plate, under all the raising floor joist. A Venetian door, sides and lights, the same dimensions, finish, and materials, as the front door in centre building; the roof to be covered with best quality slate; the valley gutter and flashing to chimneys of 16-ounce copper; the old roof to be thoroughly repaired and made good.

*Plastering.*—The plastering of the whole building to be three-coat work, of best sharp sand, lime, and hair.

*Painting.*—All the old and new work to have three coats of good white lead, the doors to be tinted drab; the washboarding of the same, only darker: the glass, best cylinder.

*Tin work.*—New gutters, the same size as the old ones, six down spouts, to be made of the best X X tin, 5 inches diameter, to have two coats of paint.

*Granite work.*—Three sills, 7 feet 4 inches long, 12 inches wide, 9 inches thick; strong lintels to be put over all the openings, throughout the building; eave and cornice to be finished in the same style as the centre building. The gable-end cornice of the wing to be of the same size as the pediment in centre building; cupola 6 feet square, as per plan.

*Mantel pieces.*—Neat pilaster wooden mantels to all the fire-places.

The work of every description to be done in the best manner and of the best materials, and any omissions in this specification which would render any part of the work incomplete will be considered as specified.